

than military service may not play with his club for the balance of that preseason or regular season unless waivers have been asked on such player, which waivers may not be recalled; provided, however, that if such player becomes an active player with another club and such other club thereafter asks waivers on him, and he is either claimed, released on waivers, or plays with another club in its league in that season, then the original club is entitled to restore such player to its Active List if it acquires him in a manner permitted by this Constitution and Bylaws or the rules of the League. If another club acquires such player from the Reserve List of another club by means of a trade following the establishment of 65 active players, such player cannot play for the acquiring club for the balance of that season unless the acquiring club waives such player without recall.

- (B) Whenever a player is placed on the Reserve List of a club for any reason, the club must promptly submit a written report to the Commissioner stating the reason for such action. Upon receipt of such information, the Commissioner shall investigate the circumstances thereof in such manner as he deems appropriate. The Commissioner shall have the right to request further explanation or substantiation of the matter, and the club shall supply the same. In the event the Commissioner determines that placing such player on the Reserve List violated the provisions of Section 17.7 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the League, the Commissioner shall have the power to remove such player from the Reserve List and to take such other action against the club that he believes appropriate. Additionally, when such determination is made by the Commissioner, all expenses incurred by the Commissioner in any investigation thereof shall be charged against the involved club and such club shall be obligated to pay such expenses upon demand by the Commissioner.

Evasion

- 17.7 No club shall place any player on its Reserve List in order to evade the player limit.

College All-Star Players

- 17.8 Any player injured while a member of a preseason All-Star squad in connection with a game approved by the League may thereafter be carried without being counted as an Active Player for the determination of the applicable player limit and without requiring the club to place such player on its Reserve List. Such privilege shall contin-

ue until such player is able to play football. If such player, after being listed and counted as one of the Active Players within the applicable player limit, has a reoccurrence of the same injury, then such player may again be carried as a player of the club without being counted as an Active Player or being placed on the Reserve List until he again recovers from such reinjury. A medical report of the All-Star participant's injury must be filed with the League office as soon as possible after the All-Star Game.

Retired Players

- 17.9 A Retired Player is defined as a player who discontinues professional football play in the League while under contract or option to a club. A Retired Player shall not be eligible to play football in the League until he shall have been reinstated by the Commissioner as provided in Section 17.13. Upon his reinstatement such player shall be eligible to play football only for the club entitled to his services at the time of his retirement or its assignee.

Notwithstanding the above, if such retirement occurs prior to the date that such player is required to report to the club's training camp, the player must provide written notification to the Commissioner of his retirement before his club shall be permitted to place him on its Reserve List, provided that no club shall be permitted to place a player on Reserve/Retired until 4:00 p.m., New York time, on the 15th day following the receipt of such letter by the Commissioner.

Such letter must be in a form acceptable to the Commissioner and must acknowledge that if the club places the player on Reserve/Retired prior to the date that such player is required to report to its training camp, such player shall not be eligible to be reinstated in the same season.

At any time prior to the expiration of the 15-day period that follows the receipt by the Commissioner of a player's retirement letter, a player may revoke such letter by written notification to the Commissioner, in which case the club shall not be permitted to place the player on its Reserve/Retired list prior to the date that such player is required to report to its training camp.

If any player is placed on Reserve/Retired on or after the date that he is required to report to his club's training camp, he shall be eligible for reinstatement pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.13.

Military Service List

- 17.10 Any player on the Active List for the first regular season game who is thereafter inducted into the Armed Forces of the United States shall automatically be placed on the Reserve List of his club and shall not count in the Active Player limit of said club nor be permitted to play or practice with the club until his reinstatement to the Active List, subject to the provisions of Section 17.13 and Section 9.3(D)(4).

The following additional rules shall apply in respect to the military service of a player:

- (A) No player who reports to his club after the commencement of training camp because of any reserve military obligations affecting such player need be counted on the Active Player roster of the club until he receives one (1) day's practice for every day missed because of his military obligation, but not to exceed four (4) weeks, provided, however, if such player plays in one or more preseason games, he must be counted on the Active List.
- (B) No player reporting to his club after October 15 in any year need be counted on the Active or Inactive List unless the club wishes to activate such player for a regular season game.
- (C) Whenever a player reports to his team and thereafter is placed on military reserve to permit such player to fulfill the required two weeks of active military duty, such player shall be allowed one week following his return to the club before such player must be counted as an active player. However, if the club elects to play such player in any preseason or regular-season game, such player must be included on the Active List of such club.
- (D) None of the privileges accorded under the provisions of this Section 17.10 shall apply to players having military service obligations of less than a period embracing fourteen (14) days.
- (E) All clubs are obligated to notify the League office within forty-eight (48) hours of the time when any of its players are released from active military service and shall specify the date such player reported to the club. Failure of a club to comply with this provision will require the League office to treat the date such player was released from the service as the date when such player reported to the club.